Views of various Chambers/Organisations on India's joining the Paris Convention on Intellectual Property Rights

2894. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had sought the views of various Chambers|Organisations in 1985 on the question of India's joining the Paris Convention;

(b) if so, what were the views expressed by the various Chambers on the subject; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the export effort would receive a set-back if India joins the Paris Convention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry had called for the views of various Chambers|Organisations in 1985-86 on India joining the Paris Convention. There were different views expressd by them and they stressed that all the implications must be studied in depth before a final decision was taken in the matter. FICCI had suggested in May, 1986, that Indja should not sign the Paris Convention at the present juncture. ASSOCHAM, who had in February, 1986, expressed certain views regarding India joining the Paris Convention, has now stated that ASSOCHAM has undergone a major restructuring in 1987 and that the Managing Committee of he restructured ASSOCHAM has had no opporunity to review the contents of the earlier note.

(c) The question does not arise because India is not a member of the Convention.

Encouragement by the Chairman/Managing Director ONGC for setting up of Ancillary Units

2895. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman|Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Commission has declined encourage for the setting up of ancillary units of individual group entrepreneurs besides cooperatives in big way under the new 20 Point Economic Programme of Prime Minister to generate more employment and end poverty speedily;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what facilities and incentives ONGC will extend to such new ancillary units;

(d) whether there is any scope for setting up of such ancillary units in Delhi and adjoining areas; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the names, and designations of officials to be approached for such assignments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (e) ONGC has been encouraging setting up of ancillary units and cooperatives as a part of indigenisation of equipment, material and services. Assistance to the entrepreneurs is provided through:—

(i) Long Term demand projections.

(ii) Interaction with industry through trade bodies.

(iii) Arranging seminars and exhibitions.

(iv) Providing technical specifications and guidance on infrastructural facilities.

(v) Providing testing facilties for performance evaluation of samples.

(vi) Inspection at intermediate and final stages of production.

ONGC also gives price preference to Indian entrepreneurs in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Government. A number of industrial units including those in Delhi and adjoining areas are already supplying materials to ONGC. All communications in this regard may be addressed to the Chairman, ONGC.